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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF YUGOSLAV AMB ON INTERNAL GREEK CYPRIOT SCENE

1. NIKOLA MANDIC, YUGOSLAV AMB TO CYPRUS, CALLED AUG 8 TO DISCUSS CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS. I FOUND OUR EXCHANGE INTERESTING CHIEFLY IN REFLECTING EVOLUTION IN HIS VIEWS ON CLERIDES' STAYING POWER AND ON MAKARIOS' RETURN TO POWER, FROM HIS VIEWS SOME

TEN DAYS AGO.

2. WHEN I CALLED ON MANDIC JULY 26 HE DOUBTED CLERIDES COULD SURVIVE THE THREAT FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOT RIGHT AND THOUGHT WE WOULD END BY "PRESENTING CONDOLENCES TO MRS CLERIDES." AT THAT TIME HE MADE CLEAR THERE IS NO QUESTION OF HIS GOVT DEALING WITH THE "PUTSCHIST" GOVT WHICH CLERIDES HAD INHERITED FROM SAMPSON. HE FELT MAKARIOS WAS THE LEGITIMATE PRES OF CYPRUS AND HAD SUPPORT IN CIRCLES OTHER THAN EXTREME RIGHT.

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3. TODAY MANDIC VOLUNTEERED HE THOUGHT THINGS LOOKED BETTER

FOR CLERIDES: HE APPARENTLY WAS GOING TO CHANGE HIS CABINET AND SEEMED LIKELY TO GET AWAY WITH IT; THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW GREEK COMMANDER FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD GAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REIGN IN EOKA-B CADRES THAT HAD BEEN ARMED BY OR ABSORBED INTO NATIONAL GUARD AND POLICE.

4. WE AGREED CLERIDES SEEMED TO HAVE BROAD SUPPORT AND NOTED DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT ARISE OVER ANY CONCESSIONS HE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE AT GENEVA WHICH WOULD BE UNPALATABLE TO GREEK NATIONALIST SENTIMENT. DISCUSSING MAKARIOS DE JURE POSITION, MANDIC THIS TIME SAID THAT OBVIOUSLY HIS RETURN WOULD PRECIPITATE CONFLICT WITHIN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: MANDIC IS NOT ONLY CLERIDES' NEIGHBOR, BUT IS ALSO A PERSONAL FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF CLERIDES.
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